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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 27-29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

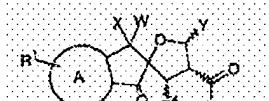
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/4/04</u> | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1-26 in part and claim 27-29 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The withdrawn subject matter is patentably distinct from the elected subject matter as it differs in structure and element and would require separate search considerations. In addition, a reference, which anticipates one group, would not render obvious the other.

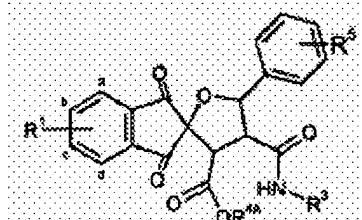
Response to Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants' representative, Mr. Philip I. Datlow, has elected with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-26 (all claims in part), drawn to



compounds of **Formula I**,

and the species of compound **1052**,



wherein R³ is c1ccc(cc1)-c2ccc(cc2)N, depicted in Table 1A, page 61, of the

specification is acknowledged.

The traversal is on the ground(s) that each of the elected species could be extended to other group without imposing an undue burden on the Examiner. This is not found persuasive because each of the various species are directed to art recognized compounds which are different from each other in structure and element and, are capable of supporting their own patents. Additionally, the fields of search are not co-extensive as they fall into multiple classes and

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subclasses (class 544, 546, 548, 549 and several subclasses) and the examiner is required to conduct a commercial data base search on the class and each subclass. This would be an undue burden on the examiner.

Therefore, the restriction requirement deemed proper and is maintained.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Applicants preserve their right to file a divisional on the non-elected subject matter.

Scope of the elected subject matter:

Compound of the Formula I, depicted in claim 1, wherein **A** is 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring; X and W are as defined; **R¹** is as defined; Y is optionally mono- or di-substituted or fused phenyl ring with the exception that the phenyl ring is not fused with heterocyclic ring; **R³** represents aryl, mon or disubstituted with a five-membered unsaturated heterocycle having from one to three heteroatoms selected form nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur; **R⁴**, **R⁵** and **R⁶** are as defined.

As a result of the election and the corresponding generic concept identified supra, the remaining subject matter of claims 1-26 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142 (b) as being drawn to non-elected inventions. The withdrawn subject matter of claims 1-26 are properly restricted as it differs materially in structure and in element from the elected subject matter supra so as to be patentably distinct there from, i.e., a reference which anticipated

but the elected subject matter would not even render obvious the withdrawn subject matter and the fields of search are not co-extensive.

Objections

Claims 1-26 are objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. Claims drawn solely to the elected invention as identified supra, would appear allowable. Claims 27-29, drawn to methods of use compound of Formula I, would be allowable along with the elected invention and commensurate in scope therewith. This objection may be overcome by limiting the claims to the elected subject matter identified supra. Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamal A Saeed whose telephone number is (571) 272-0705. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00 AM- 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

Communication via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by applicant and should be addressed to [joseph.mckane@uspto.gov]. All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees will not communicate with applicant via Internet e-mail where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is of record an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the applicant. See the Interim Internet Usage Policy published by the Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

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